

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OIL SEED PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the oilseeds production has fallen short of annual target in 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, whether in view of massive buffer stocks of wheat and rice, whether the Government can contemplate crop diversification by moving to oilseeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. The production of oilseeds has fallen short of the target in 2001-02 due to the drought conditions in the major oilseeds growing States.

(b)&(c): As a part of national policy, the Government has been emphasizing crop diversification in favour of oilseeds keeping in view the soil health problems being encountered by growing exhaustive crops like cereals after cereals and to conserve the natural resources with sustainability in agriculture.